

Essay on Dysentery

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*An account of an epidemic dysentery, as
it appeared in Bedford County, and the
eastern part of the state of Pennsylvania,
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As a history of dysentery has been given by many medical authors, whose writings we have had an opportunity of consulting, I will try and give a short account of it, as it appeared in Bedford County, and more particularly throughout the state of Pennsylvania during the last summer, from the best information I could receive from practitioners who continued with it, in different parts of the state where it prevailed. My object in extending this account throughout the state, is, to get it in all its malignant and ~~hideous~~ forms, in which it did not appear under my immediate observation.

As far as my information is correct, this disease was prevalent throughout all the eastern part of this state, and that with the greatest malignancy and fatality, and the farther west it extended, the milder it appeared to get in its pernicious effects. But, that the causes

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of the disease were the same, wherever it occurred, I am fully satisfied, from the information I have obtained - from different practitioners who contended with it.

The first case of this disease, which came under my notice in Bedford County, was about the first of September, previous to which, the weather had been exceedingly dry and hot, for the preceding month, and consequent to which, there fell a heavy and cool rain as it was observed, for the time of year; this rain was not of long duration but it cooled the atmosphere, and dampened the earth considerably; after this rain, we had dews and fogs every night and morning, and it was not until these dews and fogs made their first appearance, that this disease commenced its ravages in our part of the country, but for some time previous to ~~this~~ ^{the} ~~beginning~~, it had been prevalent in the eastern part of the state, which being brought on in the same way, prompted me to

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conclude that the predisposing cause was the cold and dampness of the atmosphere, which tended to debilitate the system, which gave room for the exciting causes to act, which as I suppose were contained in or set into motion by these dews and fogs; and another circumstance that tended to confirm this supposition, was, that the first few cases of the disease I met with were most malignant, which gradually grew milder as the dampness of the weather disappeared until it vanished entirely.

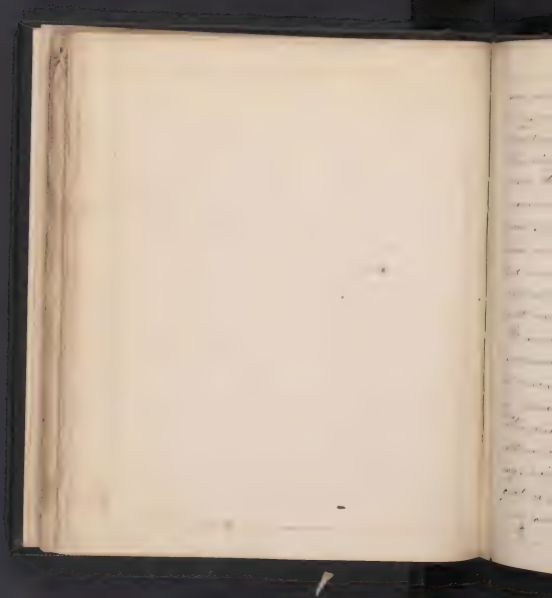
The first few cases I saw of this disease generally attacked the patient with lassitude, cold shivering, with succeeding heat and other symptoms of fever. It at other times commenced with a bad taste in the mouth, loss of appetite, earliness or an inclination to go to stool, sickness at stomach and not unfrequently vomiting. In a few cases where I saw it attack children, it was attended with a bloated countenance and the lips somewhat

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 out of the car was the smell of the sea. It was
 a salty, bracing scent that I had never before.
 The air was cool and crisp, a perfect contrast to the
 heat of the city. I took a deep breath, feeling the
 salt on my lips. The sun was shining brightly, and
 the water was a deep, vibrant blue. I had found
 a new world, one that was as beautiful as it was
 mysterious. I was going to explore every corner of
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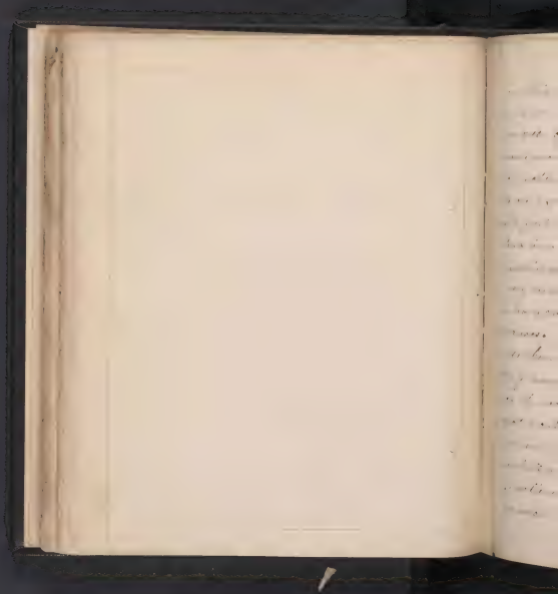
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 humidity of the city. I took a deep breath, savoring
 the moment. The sun was shining brightly, and the
 water was a brilliant blue. I felt a sense of peace
 and tranquility that I had never experienced before.
 The waves were crashing against the shore, and the
 sound was a soothing melody. I walked along the
 beach, feeling the sand between my toes. The sun
 was low in the sky, and the colors were beautiful.
 I had found a new world, a new way of life. I
 was free, and I was happy.

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It is the same that others in our generation
are doing, and we then are dissatisfied, and I
wonder whether there is anything to be
achieved. So it must follow, not only
that this is our general stage of action is
in the power of the state to apply itself
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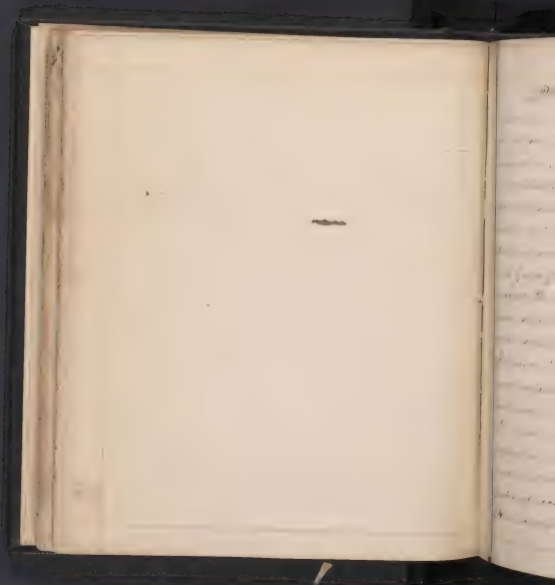
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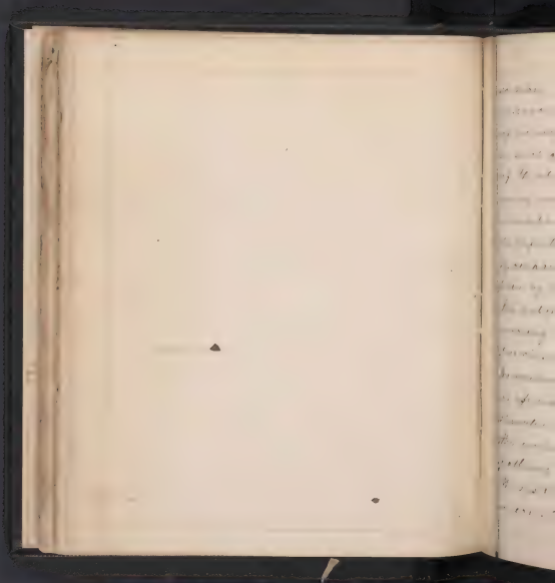
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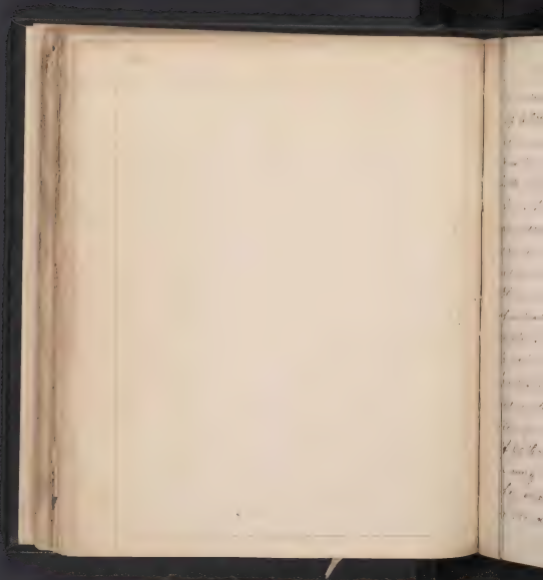


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Water is very abundant in the mountains
and is very good.



to attend to them in the applications of remedies.
Of Bloodletting. This remedy appears to have
been employed by every medical author who
has treated of the disease, and it appears to
hold a prominent place in all the books of medi-
cine. Dr Sydenham, whose writings have thrown
considerable light on the management of disease,
say he has employed this remedy, & never with-
out advantage. This is no doubt the fact, but
the disease he met with must have differed
essentially from that which we have in the
United States, for I have been informed by many
practitioners who contended with it in different
parts, that they never employed this remedy,
but with disadvantage, I am likewise satis-
fied of this from my own observations.

Of Cathartics. These are remedies which can be used
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any progress they should be of the mildest kind. These cathartics which I employ'd, were Glysters salt with little antimonial wines, ol ricini, flowers of sulphur, rhubarb, and as Dr Barton recommends, I employ'd those 2 days solution, which did not fulfil my expectations.

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ted, deriving so much advantage from them, I should not say emetics here, as I did not em-
ploy them for that effect, but solely for their
diaphoretic powers, for this purpose I employ-
ed Dover's powder, and it always fulfill'd my
expectations, increasing perspiration, lessening
the fever, & mitigating the inflammatory symptoms
of Blisters. These I employ'd with great advan-
tage, and have seen them employ'd in every stage
of the disease. I apply'd them to the extremities
and abdomen, they counteract irritation,
and often in some degree inflammation.

